



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 a.m., November 19, 2023**



Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri  
The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop  
The Rev. Dr. Mary Korte, Interim Rector

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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# 8:00 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: the one Holy and undivided Trinity.

*People:* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Here is sung or said*

Lord, have mercy upon us,  
***Christ, have mercy upon us.***  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.***

***We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.***

***O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.***

***Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.***

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

Judges 4:1-7

**T**he Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, \*  
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,  
until you show us your mercy.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 4 too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**N**ow concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

## The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

**J**esus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to

another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Reader*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Erika Essiem

*A period of silent reflection is observed.*

## The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*The Deacon or other person appointed says:*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying,  
Lord, in thy mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
***hear our prayer.***

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Archdeacon Harry, Interim Rector Mary, and Deacon Barbi, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
***hear our prayer.***

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in thy mercy  
***hear our prayer.***

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, Steven, Julien, Sam, Maura, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Barbara, Charlene, Bruce, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, including those we now name\_\_\_\_\_.

Lord in thy mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings are invited here, with space and silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, including those we now name\_\_\_\_\_; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

During this time of our rector search, let us pray together:  
**May thy grace and love enlighten and guide us as we walk this transitional path together. Bless us with courage, wisdom, understanding, and perseverance in the face of our doubts and uncertainties. Amen.**

For those discerning ordination, let us pray together:

**Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in our divine providence you have appointed various orders in your church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says the following, or else the Exhortation on page 316.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.



*Silence may be kept  
Minister and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     ***And with thy spirit.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

If you would like to make a contribution, text the amount to **314 648 8344**.

## **Collect at the Ingathering**

O merciful Creator, thy hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*     ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People*     ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*     ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

*Here may be added*

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial

thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

***have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

***have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

***grant us thy peace.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

### **Invitation and Welcome to Communion**

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

*Gluten-free wafers are available:* please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. *If you do not receive wine* you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread. *Those unable to come to the altar rail* are asked to notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you.

*Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread/wafer into the chalice when receiving communion (i.e., intinction). You are welcome to receive just the bread or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you, if you are not comfortable with drinking directly from the chalice.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [**Amen.**]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

*When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page 408.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*or this*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*or the following*

**Deacon** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

**Deacon** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

**Deacon** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sunday Service Schedule**

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken  
10:30 AM Variety of Eucharist  
Services with music

### **Weekday Service Schedule**

Wednesday Eucharist at 7:00 AM

### **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 8-4,  
Friday 8-2:30

*Ramp access to our facilities is available from the parking lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the north via the alley and then make a right into the parking lot.*

**Pie and Prayer next Wednesday, November 22, at 6:00 pm.**

**Thanks** to our diocesan delegates for their time and efforts at this year's annual diocesan convention: Adrienne Fly, Joyce LaFontain and Jerry Martin. Also a big thanks also to those who ran for several diocesan positions: Joyce LaFontain, Duncan McArthur, and Ted McNamara.

**From the Interim Rector**

**Dear People of God,**

In my early morning reflection, I pondered these words “Who am I that the King (Creator) of the world would give me one single thought about my broken heart?”

Who am I that the God of all grace wipes the tears from my face and says, “Come as you are”?

Two weeks ago, as I was packing for the Diocesan Convention, my back responded with severe pain and non-mobility. I am grateful that I was with Tim in my St. Louis temporary home (apartment). Following emergency treatment at Barnes Jewish Hospital, I returned to Rolla to work with my primary care and pain management doctors. Along with a variety of degenerative spine and disk issues was also a pinched nerve. The short version is that healing has been frustratingly slow. I hope to be with you next week. If not, then the doctor is talking about short term disability at least.

I am continuing to work through texts, emails, Zoom, phone, and correspondence “as able.” I greatly miss being physically present with you all.

God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble. I ask for prayers of intercession through Saint Raphael the Archangel, patron saint of healing. In Hebrew, his name literally means “God heals.”

Peace be with you,  
Rev. Mary



I have previously spoken about providing support through the Episcopal Relief and Development



(ERD) for the people suffering in the current war in the Middle East. An additional way to provide support to the hospitals and children in the Middle East is through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

## **ABOUT AFEDJ**

### **OUR MISSION**

Transforming lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through support of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities.

Thirty-five years ago, at the time of the first Intifada, Episcopal leaders saw the need for a safe, secure channel to offer support to the humanitarian institutions owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) was born. A nonpolitical, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) organization, AFEDJ is dedicated to raising financial support for schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. These institutions serve everyone, irrespective of their religion, ethnicity or ability to pay. They build hope for all in the Holy Land. The Christian values of equity, justice, and respect for the dignity of all are at the heart of our efforts.

### **HISTORY**

In 1988, at the time of the first Intifada, the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, and the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, saw the need for a safe, secure channel to allow Americans to support schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in the Holy Land. American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem was born.

In 2005, a merger with Evangelical Homes for Children created a stronger but still volunteer-led organization. In 2008, the AFEDJ board hired its first professional staff which allowed AFEDJ to increase its reach and build awareness of the humanitarian needs faced by Palestinians and other vulnerable and displaced people in East Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon.

More than 30 years later our partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem's bishop, the Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, members of diocesan staff, and leaders at humanitarian institutions across four countries remains strong as we deepen relationships and reach more committed, generous, compassionate supporters across the United States.

The link for additional information or a link to provide support is:  
<https://afedj.org/about/overview/>

Be safe and be well.

Peace,  
Rev. Mary



### **Stewardship and Generosity Update**

We want to thank Denver Wright and Joyce LaFontain for sharing their inspirations on stewardship and pledging .

There have been 35 pledges returned for a total of \$127,091. Our goal is a pledge income of \$320,000. (Last year was \$312,876) . This amount would provide a budget to cover our expenses and move the church forward to provide opportunities to expand programs and add staff. We will also need funds for onboarding a new clergy person (moving expenses).

This Sunday at both services we will have our annual ritual of ingathering or gathering up all the pledge cards. Our church school students will participate in the offering and bring the cards to the altar for the blessing. If you have already pledged (thank you very much) your cards will be on the offering plate. For those who have not pledged, this is a good opportunity to pledge. There are pledge cards in the pew (and a link to pledge online in the Etimes).

After the 10:30 service we will have an expanded coffee hour sponsored by Stewardship and the church school.

The tradition of the ingathering is from the Hebrew, Feast of the Tabernacle. This celebration occurred in the fall of the year to observe the end of the harvest and the gathering of the grapes. The first Thanksgiving in the new world was also an ingathering. In modern times, the Episcopal Church Women formed the United Thanks Offering in 1889. The first campaign raised money to build a church in Alaska. The Church now celebrates Ingathering Sunday as part of the annual stewardship campaign. Giving in small ways teaches us to give in larger ways.

- Stewardship and Generosity Committee

**A couple of weeks ago**, our weekday sexton, Karen

## From the Junior Warden

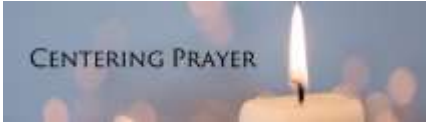
Jackson, discovered the remnants of a fire at the bottom of the stairs near the NPH door exit that left a burn mark on the concrete, but no other damage, though the ashes and burnt cardboard boxes had to be cleaned up. Jim Whyte of the Neighborhood Security Initiative said he would review the camera footage to try to find out if they can identify who built it, however, that was not successful. The bottom line is no one was hurt, but please be alert and notify someone if you see anything suspicious.



**The exterior lights** have been upgraded and repaired to provide better lighting, including the lanterns out front that adorn the red front door. In addition, the lights for the Memorial Garden have been fixed and now the gray granite wall with the names of our loved ones is visible and well lighted. Thanks to Jerry Martin for his

consultation on this project.

**In early December the sidewalk** along both Euclid and Washington streets will be repaired by STL Polyjack. This a temporary fix until the city approves and helps pay the cost of the replacement of sidewalk slabs due to the tree roots causing damage. Trinity is on a wait list of approximately 3-5 years.



**Dear Trinitarians,**

**The Centering Prayer** group will be meeting this Thursday November 16 at 1PM and then will be taking a Holiday Break.

We will resume our regular schedule on Thursday January 4 at 1PM.

If you are interested in discovering the benefits of Centering Prayer for yourself, please join us in January.

Peace,  
Robin Morgan  
robinjmorgan@hotmail.com

**The Discernment Team** has begun to complete the Office of Transitional Ministry Narrative



Questions, a list of 12 questions all Episcopal Churches searching for a rector must answer. The answers to these questions will be publicly posted in the Episcopal Church's online database for all prospective candidates to view before applying. We'd like to invite the congregation to join us in this process by reflecting on the following OTM question, How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community? Please reflect on this question and share any thoughts you have with a member of the Discernment Team.



### **FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

On Tuesday, November 21st, the students at Old Bonhomme Elementary School will have their annual Giving Assembly. Trinity's Food Ministry has been the lucky beneficiary of their generosity for over 20 years. As many of you know, at 11:30 that morning the 5th graders and a truckload of food will arrive at Trinity to be unloaded, sorted and put away. The kids are always so proud and excited to

see what their school has accomplished - Last year we received over 2,200 items of food! It takes many of you to make this happen; it's always fun and puts you in a great Thanksgiving mood. Please contact Adrienne if you can help between 11 and 2 - [adriennefly@me.com](mailto:adriennefly@me.com) (mailto:[adriennefly@me.com](mailto:adriennefly@me.com)) call/text 314-805-8254. Thanks!!

**I find myself continually surprised** at the passing of time as the cycles seem to cycle ever more quickly. Suddenly, it is the week before Thanksgiving. Suddenly, Advent is near. Suddenly, it will be the new year and the days will be growing longer ever so slightly, even as people may die in a frigid winter. It may seem difficult for us to “live in the moment” with this warp speed thing.



Living in the moment to most of us means trying to enjoy each moment, slow down and smell the roses. It means paying attention now because later may not be a thing at all. Our concern is that we live with no regrets.

Living in the moment for those who live in poverty or in extreme poverty (homelessness IS extreme poverty) means that each now is a struggle for survival.

This work is what the retired Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston calls “the field of struggle” trying to share the “good medicine” of healing love – because life in a world of poverty is a constant field of struggle. Need is based upon any immediacy. Some may go 24 hours or more without food. They may be in danger of their core body temperature falling too low (unhoused or underhoused). They may have had no more than 2 hours of sleep in any period. Many have experienced trauma beyond our understanding. They may know that they are only minutes away from that dope sickness that burns their bones and makes them wish they were dead. Their needs are immediate, their only moment is NOW.

And then there are those who are housed and still, theirs is a struggle to survive. Generational poverty, unjust legal system, low paying jobs with no paid time off, slumlords, ... the list goes on.

They live within a care-less system that blames them for their lack and demands they set aside their pride to seek charity to survive. And we pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Maybe it is my recovery from COVID, or maybe it is what we like to call “the unrest in the world” (pick an atrocity [the real word], because there are many from which to choose), but I find myself scornfully mourning our ability to see beyond our own privileged moment in time. We live in a meme world. We cannot even begin to imagine. Worse, we do not want to imagine. Because if we could or if we did, we would see there is a great need for change. If we used our imagination, we might see that we have an opportunity to explore our own complicity in the struggle for some to survive. And we might decide to actually do something that will affect the cause of the unrest rather than simply witness the effect of it.

Starting my Advent early,  
Love always,  
Barbi

### **TFM Schedule for the Week of Thanksgiving**

Happy Thanksgiving to all. I do give thanks for all the volunteers and mutual ministry partners that allow this work to go forward. I give great thanks to those who set aside their pride, who place their trust in our steadfastness, and who share with us their love and their gratitude.

Pantry is closed next week but the work of TFM goes on!

**Sunday, November 19** – Holy Communion is the host for Sunday Hot Lunch, Jeanie Bryant is the Innkeeper. Come and see – would you like to explore the world of Innkeeping? Jeanie Bryant is a great mentor!

**Tuesday, November 21** – Annual Ingathering from Old Bonhomme School. Contact Adrienne Fly if you would like to help. Pantry will be closed but a meal will be available.

**Wednesday Café**, November 22 – Light lunch and Great Conversations

**Thursday, November 23** – The Third Annual (with a two year hiatus) Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meal – come one, come all. Come join our TFM community in giving thanks for the abundance that comes from God. Please bring a canned meat or Peanut Butter for the Pantry!

Also – we still need servers for the Thanksgiving meal!

**Remember – Sunday, November 26, is Trinity’s Sunday Hot Lunch.** Come and see the life of Trinity Food Ministry. It is rather amazing.



### **Trinity Thanksgiving Meal Updates**

First, thank you for all the pies! You all have ordered dozens of pies, which will make a delightful contribution to the feast.

(If you ordered pies, they will be available for pickup at Trinity this Saturday from 11-4 and Sunday from 9:30-1.)

Second, groceries: If you can donate by noon tomorrow, Thursday Nov. 16, we still need:

Cream of mushroom soup  
Canned creamed corn  
Canned chopped mild green chilies  
Canned cranberry sauce  
Fried onions

Low-sodium chicken stock  
Elbow macaroni  
Sparkling cider  
Unsalted butter



**The next meeting of the Book Club** will be on Saturday, December 9th, in the North Parish Hall. The potluck dinner starts at

6pm, and discussion of the books begins at 7pm. We will discuss *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Wikipedia summarizes: The book focuses on Noah’s childhood growing up in South



Africa after he was born of an illegal interracial relationship during the apartheid era. The book was a bestseller.

## **Film and Fellowship**

As we close out 2023 and look forward to 2024, Film and Fellowship will meet on December 12th in the North Parish Hall. At 6:30 we meet to share a meal which is followed by discussion at 7:00. The films recommended for discussion include “Napoleon” directed by Ridley Scott and starring Joaquin Phoenix and Vanessa Kirby, and “The Killer” directed by David Fincher and starring Michael Fassbender. At this time “Napoleon” can be seen in theaters. “The Killer” can be seen on Netflix as well as in theaters.



Other films recommended for viewing (but not scheduled for discussion at this time) include “Maestro” and “The Holdovers.”

Everyone is welcome to join us for a shared meal and/or discussion of the films. If you have any questions please contact [ron.tompkins@nursesfornewborns.org](mailto:ron.tompkins@nursesfornewborns.org)

### **Did you know?**

Last year the Trinity Food Ministry served over 3,000 people during our weekday pantry (including 3,500 hot meals). Also, through Trinity's Sunday Hot Lunch ministry, over 4,800 hot meals were served to our neighbors.



## **Diocesan News**

### **Highlights from this year's Diocesan Convention**

From the Bishop's address to ministry videos... election results to adopted resolutions... and don't

forget about all the pictures... be sure to check out the highlights from this year's big event.

<https://www.diocesemo.org/2023-convention/>



## **Public Advocacy: Supporting Missouri Jobs with Justice**

The Rev. Dr. Teresa Mithen Danieley invites the Diocese to promote issues of equality by attending and/or supporting several upcoming events:

<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/public-advocacy-supporting-missouri-jobs-with-justice/>

Want to learn more about our bishop and the diocese? Want to learn about all our events from downtown to Columbia, from Kirksville to Poplar Bluff? Join the diocesan mailing list to receive the weekly iSeek news email.

For more information and to subscribe: <https://www.diocesemo.org/diocesan-mailing-lists/>



### **This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create**

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

**Diocese of Missouri:** In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Leslie, our Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Ministry

Engagement. We recognize and acknowledge that we worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mission Santa Cecilia (Misión Santa Cecilia) in Guánica, and Rosaina, their Vicar.



**We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:**

Steven Forsyth	Kevin Whalen	Denver Wright
Julien Worland	The Rev. David K. Fly	Gwen Sims
Sam Kincade	Betsey Gardner	Barbara Bradshaw
Maura Salsich	Pat Way	Charlene Wright
Joan Dunbar	Ray Becvar	Bruce Baldwin

**Friends and Relatives:**

Thomas and Taylor Griswold and baby Thomas Ray Griswold, friends of Rev. Mary.

John F., friend of Nan Sweet

Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather

M'Evie Mead, friend of Jeff Wunrow

Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls.

Robbie Rhodes, Carter Whitson's cousin on the kidney transplant waiting list

Linda Dickens, Carter Whitson's friend with breast cancer

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.

Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law

Jim Whalen, Kevin Whalen's father in hospice

Family and friends of Brooke Leaton.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Dorothy and James Gray, sister and brother-in-law of Willie Meadows, grieving death of their son.

Ulric Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, heart trouble

Mary Seager

The Rev. Ken Yerkes, friend of Brian Alms

Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia

Ken Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, renal failure

The Trimble Family

Mary Feldmeier (friend of Anne H. & Jeanette Swallow), cancer recurrence

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer

Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister

Robin Hendry, Helen Hendry's son, continuing health problems

Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems  
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

**Diocesan Clergy:** The Revs. David K. Fly, Paula Hartsfield.

**Trinity Food Ministry** and its volunteers.

**Birthdays November 19-25:** Joan Gregory, Jesse Todd, Gracie Lee White, Jenny Elliott, Ida McCall.

**Departed:** Ed Bartlett, Marvin Ratzlaff.

**Bereavement:** Sharron Underwood, Ted McNamara, Ellie Chapman, Jim Andris, Nan Sweet.



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Angelo Shell

## **Readings for Sunday, Nov. 26 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

*or*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

## **Vestry**

**Senior Warden:** Joyce LaFontain

**Junior Warden:** Lisa Will-Smith

### **2024**

Joyce LaFontain  
Abby Thacker  
Barbara Uhlemann  
Lisa Will-Smith  
Adrienne Fly

### **2025**

Amy Barnes  
Mary Moore  
Hal Morgan

### **2026**

Bill von Glahn